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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 8/25/2006 and 11/28/2007 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipate by Gorday et al (US006665521B1, hereinafter Gorday).

Per claim 1, Gorday discloses an arrangement of appliances (see figure 1) such as instruments or actuators which are associated with a technical process (see column 2 and lines 4-20), and a unidirectional or bidirectional data interchange with a central point (see figure and item 12), such as a control console or display device, wherein a transmitter/receiver is arranged which is designed for data interchange with the central point (primary protocol), the transmitter/receiver is also designed to call up data from the other appliances or to pass data to them (secondary protocol), with the other appliances not having any transmitting or receiving device for direct communication with the central point (see figure 3 and corresponding paragraphs, "relay").

Same arguments apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to claim 9.

Per claim 2, Gorday further teaches that one of the partners is inherently associated with the transmitter/receiver (see figure 1).

Per claim 3, Gorday further teaches the appliances are designed to interchange data with one another by means of the transmitter/receiver, and to carry out data processing and/or diagnosis functions (see column 3 and lines 28-50).

Per claim 4, Gorday further teaches that the appliances are designed to pass on their data as an analog or a digital signal (see column 1 and lines 10-20).

Per claim 5, Gorday further teaches that the transmitter/receiver is designed to carry out analog/digital signal conversion and /or data processing (see figure 1 and corresponding paragraphs).

Per claim 6, Gorday further teaches that the appliances are designed to interchange data with one another by means of the transmitter/receiver, and to carry out data preprocessing and/or diagnosis functions (see figure 1 and corresponding paragraphs).

Per claim 7, Gorday further teaches that the appliances are designed to pass on their data as an analog /digital signal (see column 1 and lines 10-20).

Per claim 8, Gorday further teaches that the transmitter/receiver is designed to carry out analog/digital signal conversion, and/or data preprocessing (see column 1 and lines 10-20).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUWEN PAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7855. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duc Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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